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Florida's aged and blind will receive an immediate 10% increase in funds available for pensions under an arrangement perfected by Governor Holland and Clayton Coddington. State Welfare Commissioner, last month. Dependent children will have a 50 percent increase and the welfare board will resume registration of WPA employees laid off under the 18-months' continuous employment rule.

It was announced that the welfare board's regular appropriation of \$3,400,000 will be budgeted over a 10-month period instead of 12 months. The final two months will be financed by revenue from the new tax on horse race betting. Increase in the beverage tax revenue also will be available.

Revenues from the new tax on wagering at horse race tracks will start with the December racing season. A supplementary budget for pensions will be made up in January providing for increased funds.

Governor Holland who promised increased aid for the aged and dependent during his campaign and followed it up by recommending the increased race-track tax to the 1941 legislature, stated that unless war conditions interfere increased benefits can be expected from the new tax during the last five months of the fiscal year which began July 1.

In commenting on the resumption of certification of WPA workers taken from the state by the 18-months' employment rule, Governor Holland stated that he is requesting that WPA workers in nondefense areas be used in work which can be turned into the defense program.

The sewing gun projects, now being abandoned, could be used to supply sheets and other articles for many posts, Governor Holland said—Florida Highways.

Motorists who think they have out-maneuvered the tag department of the Department of the State Motor Vehicle Commission by not remitting the extra five dollars required on cars in the \$15 weight class, erroneously placed in the \$10 class, will have a sad awakening when they apply for their 1942 class and the \$10 class. At that time owners were directed through the press to return their tags, pay the extra \$5 and receive the proper tag. Many did not do this, either because they did not know of the new instructions or because they thought they could get by with their old tags. The commissioner did not do much about it because he knew that there was a way to collect when the time came.

It is estimated that about 25,000 cars were affected by the error. Of this number many have adjusted the difference. The last legislature lifted the price of 1942 tags for practically all automobiles by \$5. However, those involved in the mix-up will still come in the \$15 class but a 1942 tag will cost them \$20 if they have not made the adjustment beforehand—Florida Highways.

SPILT TAXES EVENLY

On the theory that residents of other sections of the state might profit from the example of Miami and Dade county, it is revealed that Dade this year will have more assessed value on the tax rolls than the entire state had a year ago.

Tentative figures reveal the big county will have a half-billion-dollar real estate roll this year, or this to \$10,000,000 a year ago. Personal property, following the same trend, is expected to go over the \$70,000 mark, as against \$5,000,000 last year.

With Monroe county figures due to come out in August, the state's money has turned over to the county commission, taxpayers here probably will discover as Dade county did, that the new system has split the tax burden far more evenly than was the case before.

Among other items unearthed in the Dade records was the fact that there are 2,446 homes on the beach assessed at more than \$5,000 this year. The mean is that almost that many homeowners, totally exempt from previous operating levies, now will contribute toward school and other operating burdens. Cora Gables found some 600 homes in the same class.

An even distribution of taxes, both for this county and the others of the state, will show the wisdom of Governor Holland's new tax system—Key West Citizen.

"EATS" IN THE ARMY

Over a hundred day-laborers banded Alexandria, La., when the army's army has just begun six weeks of field maneuvers on a scale never before known in America, the

Q.M.D., as the quartermaster's department is best known, has a big job on its hands keeping the boys well nourished.

"Eats" are important in the soldiers' life. Our boys like plenty to eat, and they get a variety of food. Army dietetics is a business in itself. Those in charge plan a diet which will keep the men fit.

Here's a sample of what it takes to provide for the 250,000 men now centered up on Alexandria, covering the six weeks:

Thirty million eggs, 7,000,000 pounds of fresh and canned beef, 1,500,000 pounds of bacon, 11,000,000 pounds of bread, 9,500,000 pounds of potatoes, 2,500,000 pounds of sugar to sweeten the coffee. Thus the "dough-boy" will have nearly a pound of meat per day, 14 ounces a week of bacon, two and one-half eggs per day, and so on.

To balance the heavier diet the men will eat salads requiring use of 187,000 quarts of mayonnaise, 36,000 bunches of green onions, 239,000 bunches of celery, 700,000 pounds of fresh tomatoes, 286,000 heads of lettuce, 35,000 quarts of vinegar. On the fruit side 14-14 millions of oranges have been ordered.

Well, in the matter of "eats" the boys certainly will have nothing to complain about. We presume they'll carry the well known "eat, drink and be merry" motto, and always they can have a bar or two of chocolate to munch provided they buy their own supply—Bradenton Herald.

UPHOLDING THE LAW

"In a far-reaching decision on a question of extreme importance to every Florida taxpayer, Circuit Judge E. C. Welch has ruled that the 1941 Legislature's 100 percent assessment law is applicable to this year's tax rolls.

"Judge Welch's decision came in the Bay county case, in which a group of taxpayers sued the Bay county Commission to accept the 1941 real estate assessment roll at less than full cash valuations. He ruled that the Bay county assessment roll must conform to the uniformity law, pointing out that the Legislature had full authority to change the tax system as long as it keeps within the provision of uniformity of taxation as required under the Florida constitution," says the Tampa Tribune. And the Miami Herald adds: "There will be other suits, of course, brought by disgruntled taxpayers who prefer avoidance to paying their governmental bills, but we feel that Judge Welch's ruling will become the pattern for the state.

"It is better so. Real tax assessment and real collection ultimately will mean less of a tax burden for property owners—except those who have chided their way for the last generation. And they ought to be made to pay their share anyhow."

GASOLINE OPTIMISM

In the gasoline situation, which was still up in the air yesterday, no news can be regarded as good news. Filling station proprietors here have been here had, he had definitely from the oil companies what was to be done about complying with the federal order for a 90 percent cut which was issued last Friday to go into effect "right now." That is a favorable omen. It doubtless means that the oil companies don't think the order will be applied drastically to Florida. Otherwise they would waste no time curtailing deliveries to their outlets so as to avoid running out of gas and having to close their stations during the last few days of the month.

Great reliance is being placed on word from Governor Holland that he has no intention of cutting consumption in Florida. The governor is known to have assembled a convincing array of facts to present to officials at Washington in support of that position. There has been no recent indication of what the result may be but as the evidence is all on the governor's side his arguments for "including Florida out" are expected to prevail.

That he will put up a spirited fight goes without saying. Not only is the prosperity of the state's great tourist industry at stake but the fate of his administration is seriously involved. Any considerable reduction of gasoline tax revenue would have a chaotic effect on the financial structure which he went to such pains to get in order during the recent session of the legislature. With that at issue the governor is certain to spare no effort that might ward off the threatened blow.

As able lieutenants he has McGregor Smith, president of the Florida Power & Light company, who is a state defense committee chairman, and Tom Johnson, chairman of state road department. Both have the utmost interest in the state's gas revenue. If gas tax revenue slumps the road department will go out of business before the state government does and Mr. Smith's company has perhaps a greater interest in the success of the tourist season than any other concern in Florida. They are already pressing the case with federal officials and with Governor Holland backing them up there is reason to have confidence that they will carry their point at Washington.

This optimism is justified because their point is a good one. Governor Holland would not push it—and the people of Florida would not want him to—if it meant interference with the defense program. But it doesn't. The whole point is that any gasoline Florida goes without doesn't add a gallon to relieve the shortage north of Savannah. So why in the name of common sense should we be asked to go without it?—Ft. Myers News-Press.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

By Russell Kay

Dear Column Customers, if any: I'm writing this installment via pencil and paper in bed on account there is a war going on inside of me which the doctor says necessitates my confinement to my bed for some time in order to give the combatants a chance to fight it out with as little interference from me as possible.

I should have known that something was wrong when I let myself break out in a rash of rhyme last week. A guy can't get away with a thing like that and not be punished for it.

Anyhow, my mind logs just sort of buckled under me last Friday and I've been laid up ever since, while the Doc says "no dice" when I wanted to go to the office on Monday morning.

As near as I'm able to learn, I breathed out of my gable to learn in a mess of germ-riddled "Streptococci" that immediately set up housekeeping in my throat, which caused the old temperature to rise like the cost of wine and the higher it went the lower I got.

But maybe if I give you the lowdown in the form of official communications it might be easier to take. If the situation were being covered by an alert news service, dispatches would probably read something like this:

Friday, Aug. 15: "Germias of Kay headed at 4 p. m. by overwhelming Germ force led by General Strep. Heavy artillery began shelling at 4 p. m. and a series of parachute troops in regiment of Troat and Tonsils. Stiff resistance from Kay corpuses unable to stop enemy advance, which quickly succeeded in tightening grips in Throat area, which late dispatches report is burning feverishly."

Friday, Aug. 15, 8 p. m.: "Confronted with child and leprosy and evidence of Germ forces weakening on entire front, High Command called out all reserves and General Medica placed in full command."

Friday, Aug. 15, 10 p. m.: "General Medica counter-attacked with deep thrust or awab in Raw Throat sector which temporarily checked enemy advance and permitted consolidation of shattered white corpuses forces while strong reinforcements in the form of Sul-fanamide were rushed in to bolster Kay defenses."

Saturday, Aug. 16, 3 a. m.: "Battle still raging along entire front with Germus experiencing staggering losses but holding doggedly. Pounding in Head area continues with ever-increasing burn furiously. General Strep diverting forces to cause aches and pains throughout body in effort to release pressure on his forces in Throat area. Swab counter-attacks continue at frequent intervals and Sulfanamide reinforcements coming up to bolster Kay forces every four hours."

Saturday, Aug. 16, 10 a. m.: "General Strep still holding Throat. Burning continues. Claims everything going according to plan. General Medica makes counter claims reporting improved conditions and states steady reinforcements will soon turn the tide. Temperature dropping, which experienced observers claim indicates enemy forces of General Strep weakening."

Saturday, Aug. 16, 3 p. m.: "Kay supply lines bombed heavily when attempt to bring up food was thrown back by strong enemy forces in Stomach sector. This action heartened Strep forces who followed with strong fever attack checking gains of defending forces."

Sunday, Aug. 17—"Steady Sul-

fanamide reinforcements, aided by stabbing awab attacks on Throat area, appear to be making headway against Strep invasion."

Monday, Aug. 18—"Quiet on all fronts last night. Invading forces of General Strep isolated in Throat area. Kay supply lines successfully established. Temperature normal. Artillery action against Head isolated. Medical reinforcements continue to arrive at regular intervals and indications are Germ forces will be completely wiped out within 24 hours."

... and that, folks, is all the dope I can dish out at this time, but keep turning to this station; for full details read your newspaper.

Rapid Progress Is—

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directly over the drainage ditch which now divides the tract in two parts. This ditch will be filled in within a short time. In the south end of the diamond are located all of the present buildings with the exception of the administration building. Future buildings are planned for the north end. The big steel hangar is to be built at once and will be off the southwest end of the diamond and the future hangar will be off the southwest point.

Baracks are being rushed to completion first and one of the smaller baracks is now ready for the roof. This building should be practically completed in a couple of weeks. One of the larger baracks has the concrete block walls up and foundation are in place. Wall started on the other two baracks. Foundations for the recreation hall were poured Wednesday and work on the mess hall is progressing rapidly. Foundations for the other buildings will probably be in by the latter part of this week.

The two main baracks are each 280 feet in length and 26 feet in width and are spaced widely apart with the north ends at about the center of the diamond-shaped tract. Immediately back of these and spaced closer together are the smaller baracks each 180 feet in

length and 26 feet in width. The larger baracks are said to contain 18 rooms, twelve feet by 25 feet and the smaller baracks have ten rooms of the same size. Each room accommodates four cadets.

The baracks, as all other buildings, are of concrete block construction on reinforced concrete wall foundations. The roof will be of heavy slate over felt. White stucco will cover the exterior of the buildings and the interior finish will be plaster.

In the west side of the plot is located the mess hall, largest of the buildings. General construction details are the same as the baracks and the size is 120 feet by 130 feet.

In the east side will be located the class-room building which is twenty-five by 120 feet and directly east of this will be the infirmary, approximately the same size. South of the baracks and directly in the center, east and west, will be the spacious recreation hall built in a U-shape and 50 feet x 80 feet overall dimensions. On south of this building in the extreme south end of the plot will be the flight operations building, 36 feet by 22 feet.

Three big hangars, not yet started, will be large enough to house twenty-eight planes. Recreational facilities for the cadets are not overlooked and in the area between the two large baracks will be located tennis courts, a basketball court and volleyball courts and between the two smaller baracks will be the swimming pool, 21 feet by 80 feet.

—Clewiston News.

EXPET NEW RECORD

St. Augustine, Aug. 21—With a sea of sailfish reported off the coast, the second annual \$1,000 St. Johns County Fishing Tournament is shooting to establish new records in fishing competition in this state.

Three records set in the Metropolitan Miami Summer Fishing Tournament already have been broken and St. Johns County is close on the heels of Miami in seven other classifications.

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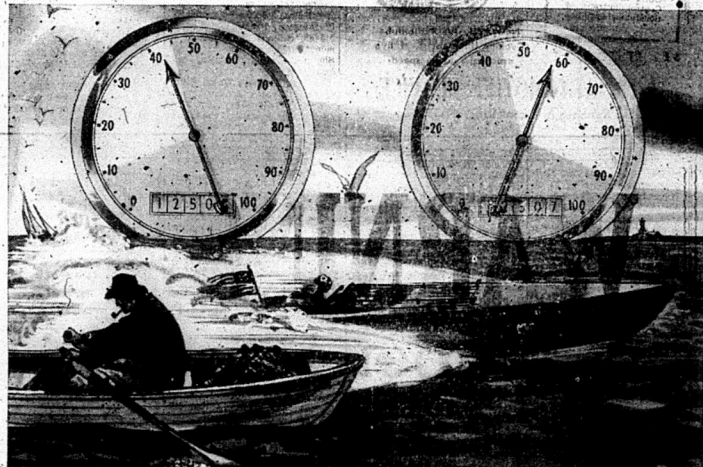
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